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1. SINCE EVENTS DESCRIBED REF B, SILENCE HAS BEEN DEAFENING FROM MOROCCAN SIDE. AS DEPARTMENT PROBABLY AWARE FROM TALKS WITH JESSUP IN WASHINGTON, JAMES SKANE ARRIVED RABAT FROM LONDON JULY 23 FOR APPOINTMENT WITH TAIEB SKALLI. HOWEVER SKALLI HAS NOW POSTPONED MEETING THREE TIMES IN AS MANY DAYS WITHOUT EXPLANATION. AFTER LOW KEY APPROACH BY EMBASSY AT FON MINISTRY, APPOINTMENT AGAIN SCHEDULED WITH SKALLI FOR LATE EVENING JULY 25. AFTER THAT MEETING WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE TO REPORT.

2. ON JULY 24, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO HIGH PALACE OFFICIAL (BENSOUDA) THE LACK OF GOM TIMELY FOLLOW-UP. BENSOULDA
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INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM AND PROMISED TO

LOOK INTO MATTER EVEN THOUGH HE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED WITH A
NUMBER OF PRESSING PROBLEMS.

3. SKANE HAS TOLD US THAT JESSUP HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
BENJELLOUN AT MOROCCAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND THAT BENJELLOUN
EXPRESSED CONCERN TO JESSUP AND PROMISED TO PRESS FOR
EARLY ACTION IN RABAT.

4. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL AND MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT AGREEMENT
CAN BE REACHED SOON. IN ANY CASE, NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH
ARE CONTINUING AND IN OUR VIEW MOROCCO IS TAKING STEPS TO
DISCHARGE ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.
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